

MINUTES
INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
MAY 9, 2012 - 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

I. ROLL CALL

Agency: Scott, Block, Ashworth, Furlong
Staff: Jones, Silsby

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Scott at 7:00 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF April 25, 2012

MOTION: To approve the minutes of April 25, 2012

Motion made by Block, seconded by Furlong, so voted unanimously

IV. NEW APPLICATIONS

1. Receipt of New Applications

Mason Hall Building Demolition, 276 Packer Road

Town Building Inspector Bob Mastrandrea, the applicant, and Lee Treadway, Enforcement Officer, were present for this application.

Staff reviewed the map and explained that Mastrandrea has submitted the application to demolish and remove the existing 2-story wood frame structure, known as the Mason Hall Building. While the Town does not own the property, the court has authorized it to make application for local permits and to demolish the building. The basement will be backfilled and the existing cesspool filled flush with surrounding grade. It will be stabilized with 4" of loam and seeded. The approximate amount of fill to be used will be 125 cubic yards. Mastrandrea noted that work may begin in July. He stated that the owner has a certain amount of days to contest the permit. He added that the Town's Public Works Department will demolish the building from the road, not from the property. He explained that the beams have been rotting for quite some time. During the demolition, nothing on the property will be disturbed. Details were given about the foundation, backfill, and how the work will be done. A silt fence will be installed to prevent erosion.

MOTION To classify the application as minor

Motion made by Block, seconded by Furlong, so voted unanimously.

2. New Applications

V. PENDING APPLICATIONS

1. Cutler Middle School Parking Lot, 160 Fishtown Road

Wes Greenleaf of the Board of Education and Paul Biscuti of DiCesare Bentley Engineers were present for this application. They gave an overview of the proposal to

expand the parking lot with an additional 18 parking spaces. Biscuti reviewed the plans, stating that the property has been staked out and staff review has been held. The applicant has decided to install a pervious gravel parking lot instead of the previously proposed paved parking lot in the same location as originally proposed. Biscuti explained why this was the best possible location. Other locations were considered but there were conflicts with ball fields, bus loading, and the proposed portable classrooms. Biscuti stated that the Planning Staff has reviewed the proposal and believes that the proposed location is the best possible location. The Town does not want to complicate the bus traffic and congestion issues, which may happen if the location of the proposed parking lot is changed. He explained that the proposal should have no impact on the wetlands. The applicant is proposing to take down one (1) half dead tree, as well as some brush. Two new trees will be planted.

Staff distributed aerial photos. Furlong expressed her concerns about the existing traffic difficulties and future problems that may arise. Greenleaf noted that the redistricting will result in 501 students and 14 more staff at this school. Furlong and Block were more comfortable with a pervious gravel parking lot being installed instead of using pavement.

MOTION: To approve the Cutler Middle School Parking Lot Expansion application for the following reasons:

1. There will be no loss of wetlands or watercourse as a result of this project.
2. The applicant has designed a pervious parking lot with no drainage structures to limit the impact on wetlands.

This permit is subject to the four standard conditions

Motion made by Block, seconded by Furlong, so voted unanimously

VI. OLD BUSINESS - None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Report of Chair - None
2. Report of Staff - None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m. by Block, seconded by Furlong, so voted unanimously.

Barbara Block, Secretary
Inland Wetland Agency

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